Sydenham Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Meeting of the Parish Council 4th October 2018

Present: Alison Isherwood (AI) - Chair

Rachel Blake (RB)

David Wilkins (DW)

Janet Potts (JP)

Apologies: Mike May (MM)

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| **Members' declaration of interests (for items on the agenda)** | DW declared an interest on planning application no. **P18/S3011/HH & LB** |  |
| **Approval of minutes** | The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed. |  |
| **Planning** | **P18/S0967/FUL**  Manor Farm Demolition, extension, alteration and conversion of existing buildings to form four dwellings with parking and amenity space.  Planning Committee meeting on 17.10.18  MM will present on behalf of PC and concentrate on LB aspect of objection and Mark Oliver will speak for residents.  **P18/S1830/FUL**  Construction of a new barn (as amended by plans received 4 September  2018 re-siting the barn a metre to the south, reducing its length by two metres,  reducing its height and altering the design and materials to a feather edged boarding over a brick plinth wall and plain clay roof tiles).  Croxford's Orchard Sydenham Road Sydenham OX39 4NE  Same objections apply. Not typical agricultural building.  **P18/S3011/HH & LB**  Relocation of former granary building and associated external works  Ryders Farm Sydenham Road Sydenham OX39 4LR  No objections.  **P18/S3141/HH & LB**  Increasing height of two chimney stacks and alterations to internal fireplace  Vicarage End, Sydenham OX39 4NE  No objections  **P17/S2649/FUL** - 1-8 Sydenham Grove, Sydenham, OX39 4LP - APPEAL ALLOWED  Monitoring of demolition and build – PC will keep an eye on the build and action any reported breaches. | All |
| **Finance** | **The following items were approved for payment:**  £4500 to SWARCO for replacement VAS  £ 3.09 to SSE for Defibrillator (September)  £2220 to RCOH Ltd for NP  £10 to A Isherwood for expenses – Van fuel  £48 to OALC for Clerk training  £13 to Toby Roe for NP expenses  **Income received** –  £5000 from SODC – precept  **Quarterly Budget review**  VAS from insurance money, NP grant and related expenditure inflating current figures, remainder of expenditure on track  Pay Will Munday £1k for grass cutting etc. not invoiced, half of budget, and send in a card via Caroline Simpson |  |
| NatWest Current a/c:  b/f £13837.70  Natwest Reserve a/c:  b/f £12,108.07 | **September Payments:**  £4500 to SWARCO  £2220 to RCOH Ltd  £3.09 to SSE  **Receipts:**  £5000 from SODC  **Receipts:**  £0.46 September Interest received | Closing balance at  30/09/18  £12114.61  £12,108.53 |
| **SSE electricity supply** | Final stumbling block resolved, and final stage will be implemented imminently. | MM |
| **Speeding / Pinchpoint and van** | Grant application to OCC for pinch point by Box Cottages being completed. Survey to be sent mid-October.  Van chevrons on back and two front strips to be ordered and applied by RB after AI has washed the van. | RB |
| **Playing Field Project and toddler swing** | RB to contact two handymen who Chinnor PC recommend and ask on Syd Mail.  Cricket nets are installed, and mound has been created and seeded with spoil. | RB |
| **Road Drainage & ditches** | Ask TW to sweep the road once all the works are done.  Drainage outside Byre House is still a problem and has been recently investigated by OCC Highways. On fix my street again.  DW to get a quote from MH Groundcare to clear the ditches. | DW |
| **Neighbourhood Plan** | Survey finishes tomorrow. Information will be collated and shared with the village.  MM and RB met with SODC re settlement classification for Sydenham. Sydenham settlement is classified as a small village, houses at Emmington end of village are classified as other. Requested clarification in writing as this affects the NP which has been received. Classification will be challenged at a higher level. | MM |
| **Matters Arising** | Salt for the winter only bin filled no extra to be ordered. Order another salt bin for outside playing field and one for top of Holliers Close.  Saplings to commemorate the Centenary of the Armistice of WW1 – order sapling and plaque, to be located on the old village green down Brookstones. | AI |
| **Correspondence** | CAB donation request, £100 already paid in 18/19. |  |
| **Any Other Business** | Verge query outside cottages adjacent to the allotment field was raised. No action by PC required.  Broadband update to be included in next Sydenham Mail. Wayleave has now been signed to enable power connection to cabinet. PC to continue to chase Better Broadband for Oxfordshire weekly and report progress.  RB to do a stall at Christmas Market on behalf of PC.  JP talking to Thame Park Head gardener re stiles on their land which need repair. |  |
| There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm.  The next meeting will be held on Thursday 1stNovember 2018 at 7.30pm in the Old School Room. | | |